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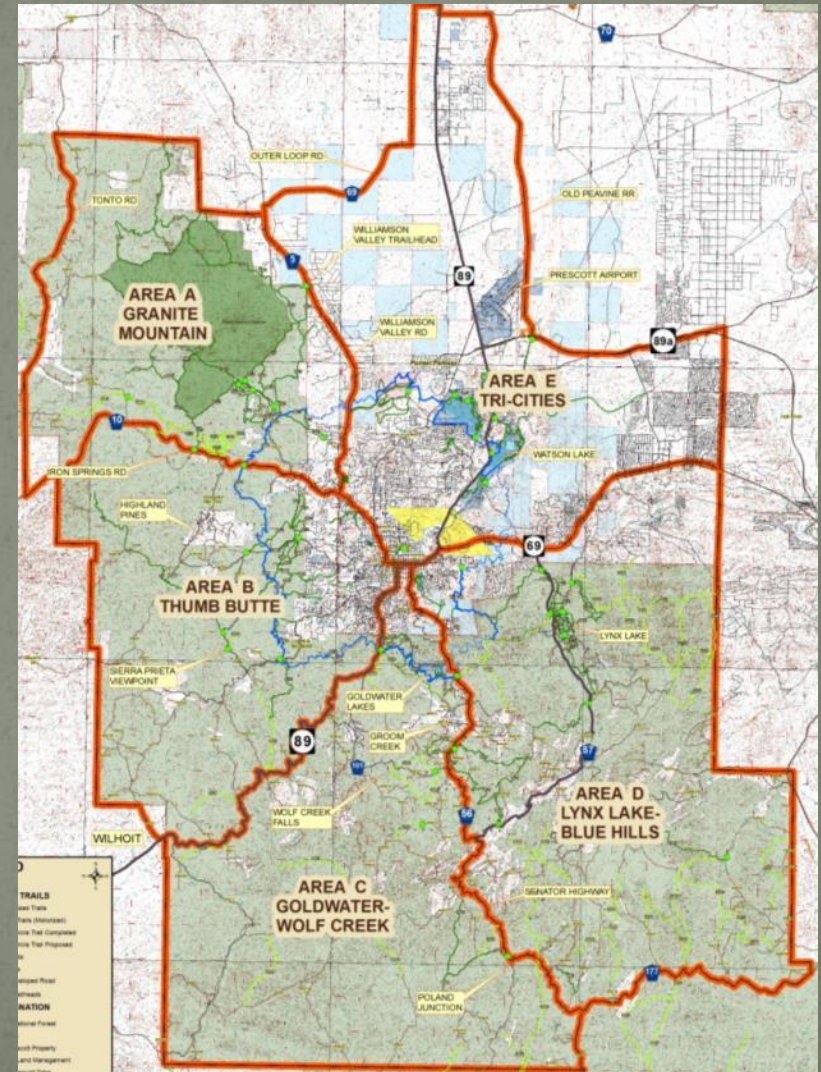


**Get Set!**



# Why are we here tonight?

- Review of the Process
- Updates:
  - Quick Review of Completed Work
  - Upcoming Projects
- Mid-Term Proposals
- Public Comments/Question and Answer



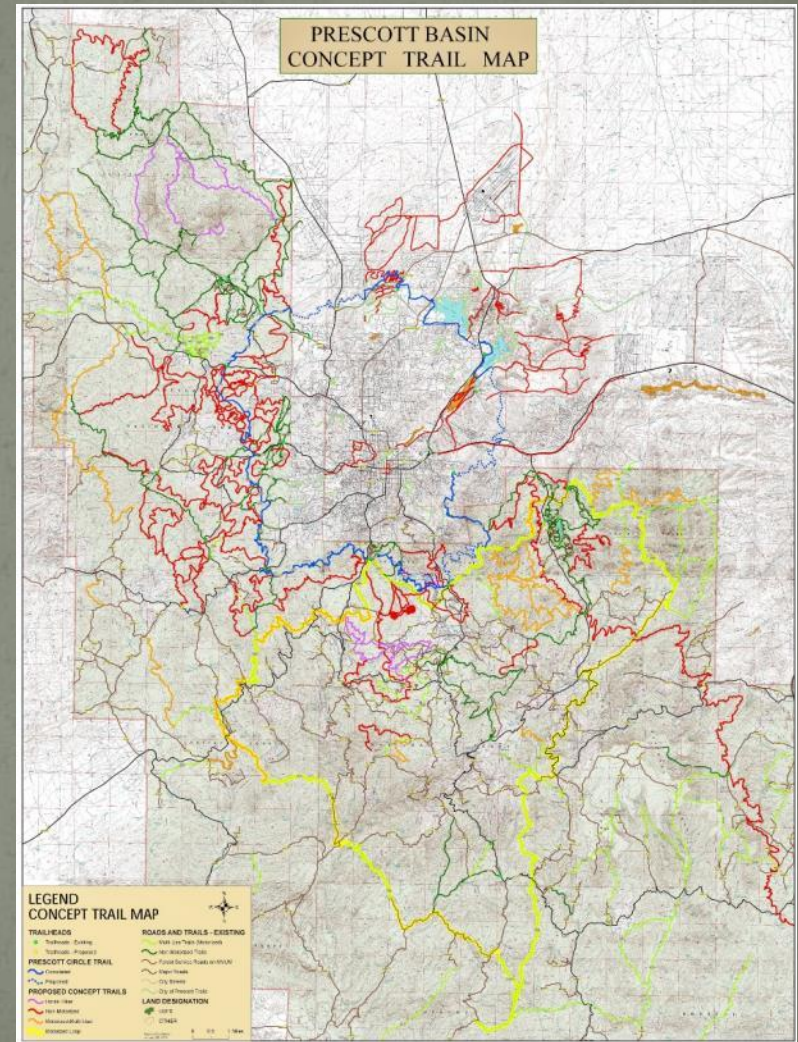


# Summary of the Planning Process

## May 2013 Workshop

### “Where Do You Want To Go”

- First Public View Concept Trails Map
- Collection of Comments and Ideas



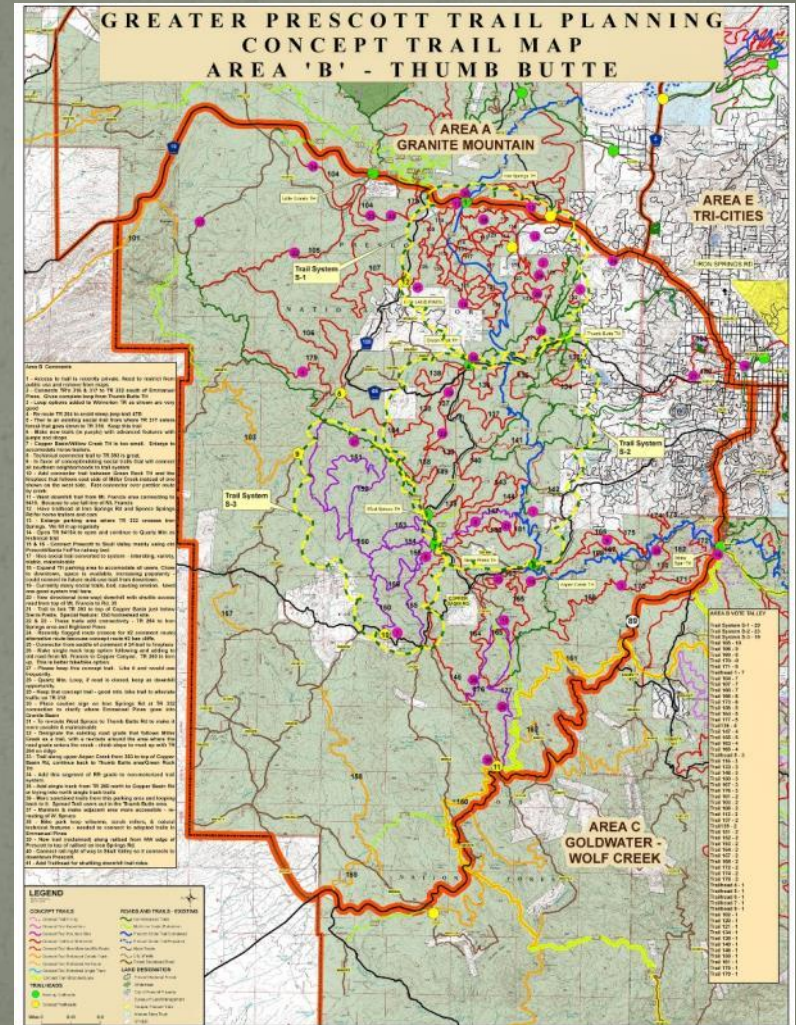


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## June 2013 Workshop

### “Trail Priorities”

- Prioritize Community Importance
- Orange Dots Process



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July 2013 – April 2014

## “Small Group Evaluations”

- Broke Into Five Groups By Area
- Community Developed Criteria
- Evaluated Highest Priority Trails

### Greater Prescott Trails Planning Process Trail and Trail System Evaluation Form

Sub Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Trail or Trail System (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Opens up a new areas \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Proximity to an existing trailhead \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Offers a variety of user experiences \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Offers points of interest and education \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Provides for a balance of user interests \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Reduces or is low impact \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3 4 5  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Low impact to private property \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Low level of controversy or complexity \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Water availability (potable and/or livestock) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Connectivity \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Increases loop options \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Partnerships and volunteer capacity \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Mitigates user conflict and/or increases safety \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3 4 5  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Bang for the buck \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3 4 5  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Positive socio-economic impact \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3  
Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Disagreements: \_\_\_\_\_

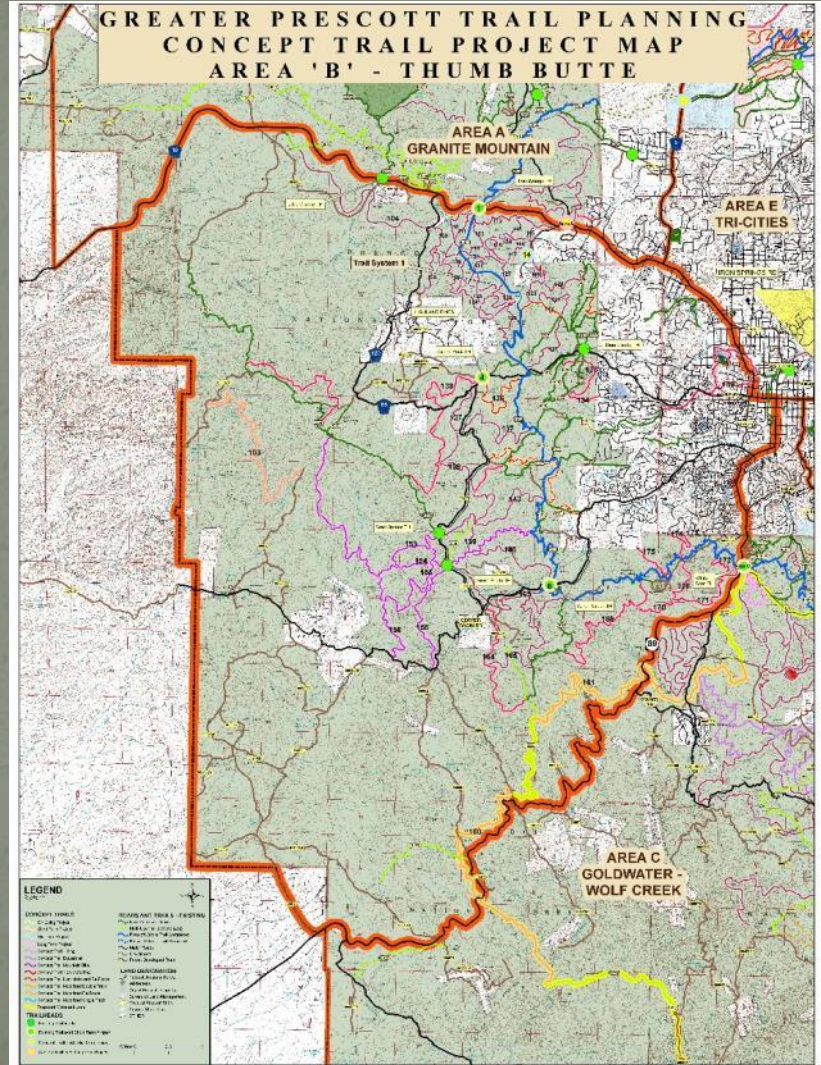


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May 2014

# “Trail Forward”

- Presented Project Maps
  - Ongoing Projects
  - Short Term Projects (1-2 years)
  - Mid Term Projects (2-5 years)
  - Long Term Projects (5-10 years)

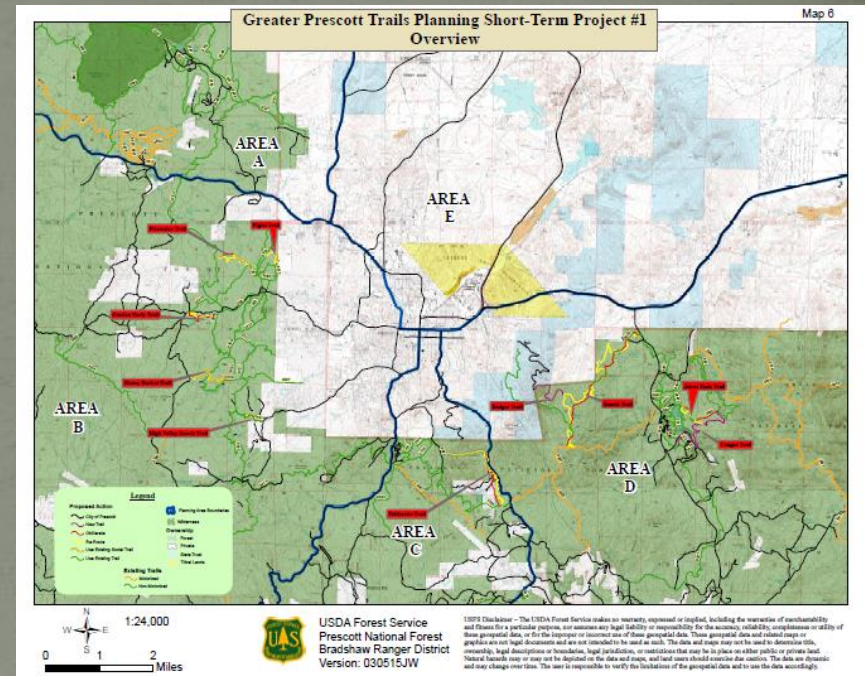




# Summary of the Planning Process

May 2015  
“Moving Ahead”

- Presented Short-term (shovel ready) Projects
- Collected comments on Mid-term projects:
  - Emmanuel Pines and other Sub-Area Proposals
  - Sevenmile Gulch





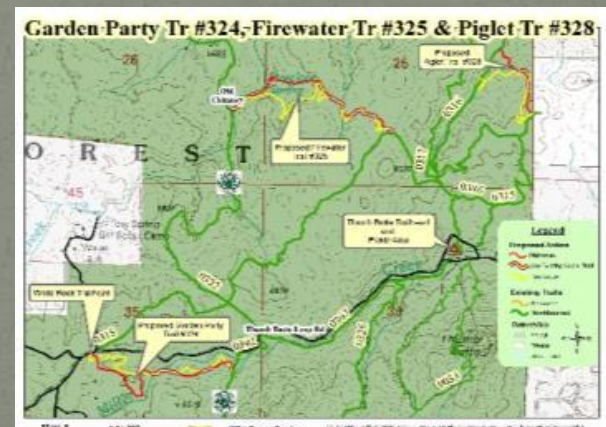
# Partnership Recognition

- PNF Over The Hill Gang
- COP Over The Hill Gang
- Yavapai Trails Association
- Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance
- Backcountry Horsemen of Central Arizona
- Prescott Saddle Club
- Prescott Trail Riders
- Arizona Trail Riders
- Prescott Outings Club
- Prescott Hiking Club
- Prescott Safety Coalition
- Community Forest Trust
- International Mountain Bicycling Association
- Prescott College
- Student Conservation Association
- American Conservation Experience
- Youth Conservation Corp
- Embry Riddle University
- Emmanuel Pines Camp
- Adult and Juvenile Probation
- Arizona Wilderness Coalition
- Boy Scouts of America
- AZ Conservation Corp
- Granite Mountain Riders
- Horse-N-Around
- Prescott Endurance Riders
- Prescott Nature Walkers



# Prescott National Forest Completed Projects

- Feldmeier Trail #330 2.6 miles (NTD, OTHG)
- Garden Party Trail #324 .8 miles (PMBA, OTHG)
- Piglet Trail #328 .67 miles (OTHG)
- Ranch Trail #62 Reroutes brushed and ready for equipment.





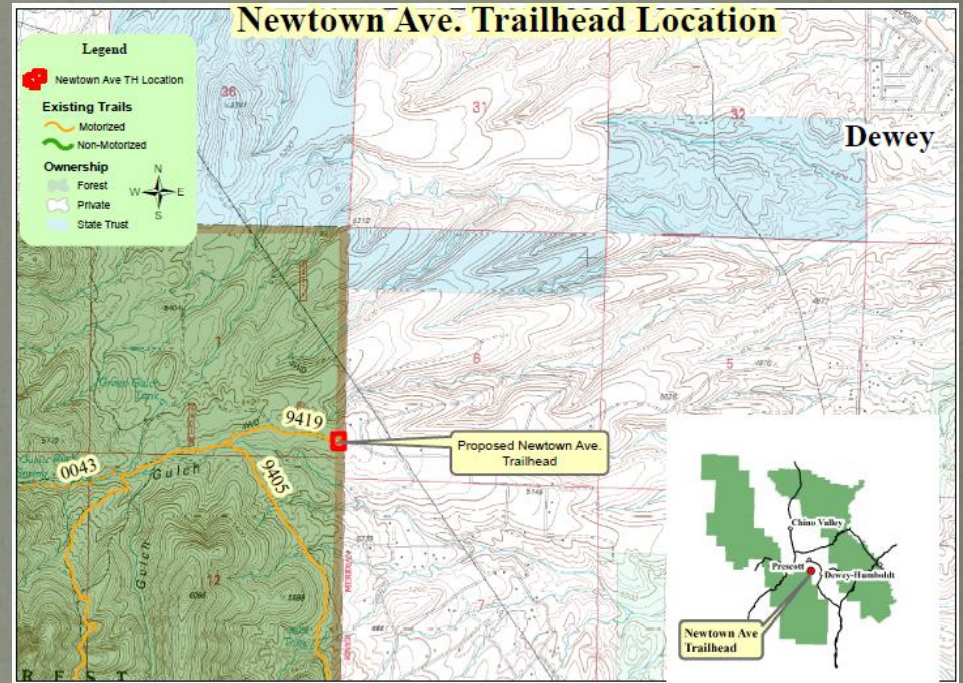
# Prescott National Forest Completed Projects

- Maintained 179 miles of Trail on the Forest in FY2015
- Prescott Basin Brushing Work Fall 2015- 20 miles
- Mingus Mountain Watershed Trails Improvement work 35 miles
- Adopt-A-Trail Program has 5 participants with 10 waiting



# Prescott National Forest On Going Projects

- Newtown Ave TH
- 20 miles of brushing in the Blue Hills TS- motorized
- 3 reroutes and 20 miles of maintenance on the Verde RD motorized
- Copper Falls Trail Construction- 4 miles Verde RD
- Yew Thicket Trail #52 maintenance in Sycamore Canyon





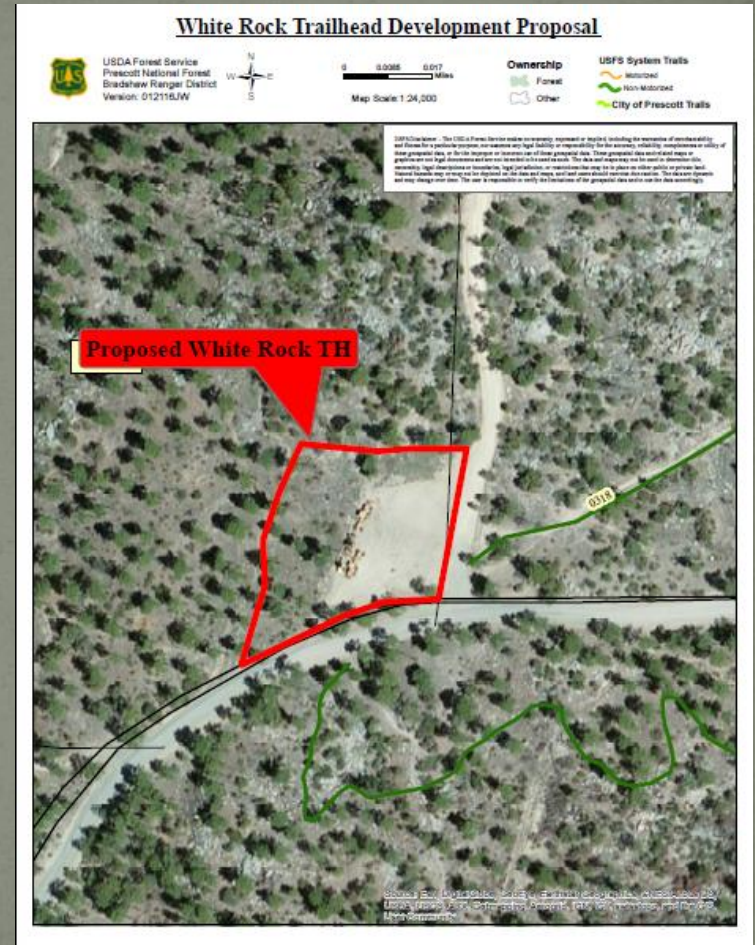
# Prescott National Forest

## On Going Projects

- Honey Bucket Trail #333
- Fire Water Trail #325
- The Ranch Trail #62 Reroute
- Over the Hill Gang every Monday and Thursday
- National Trails Day 2016:
  - Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> 8am-Noon

# Prescott National Forest Upcoming Projects

- White Rock Trailhead
- Granite Basin Trails Maintenance
- Yearly Maintenance
- Trails/Wilderness Program
- New Employee-Tony Papa



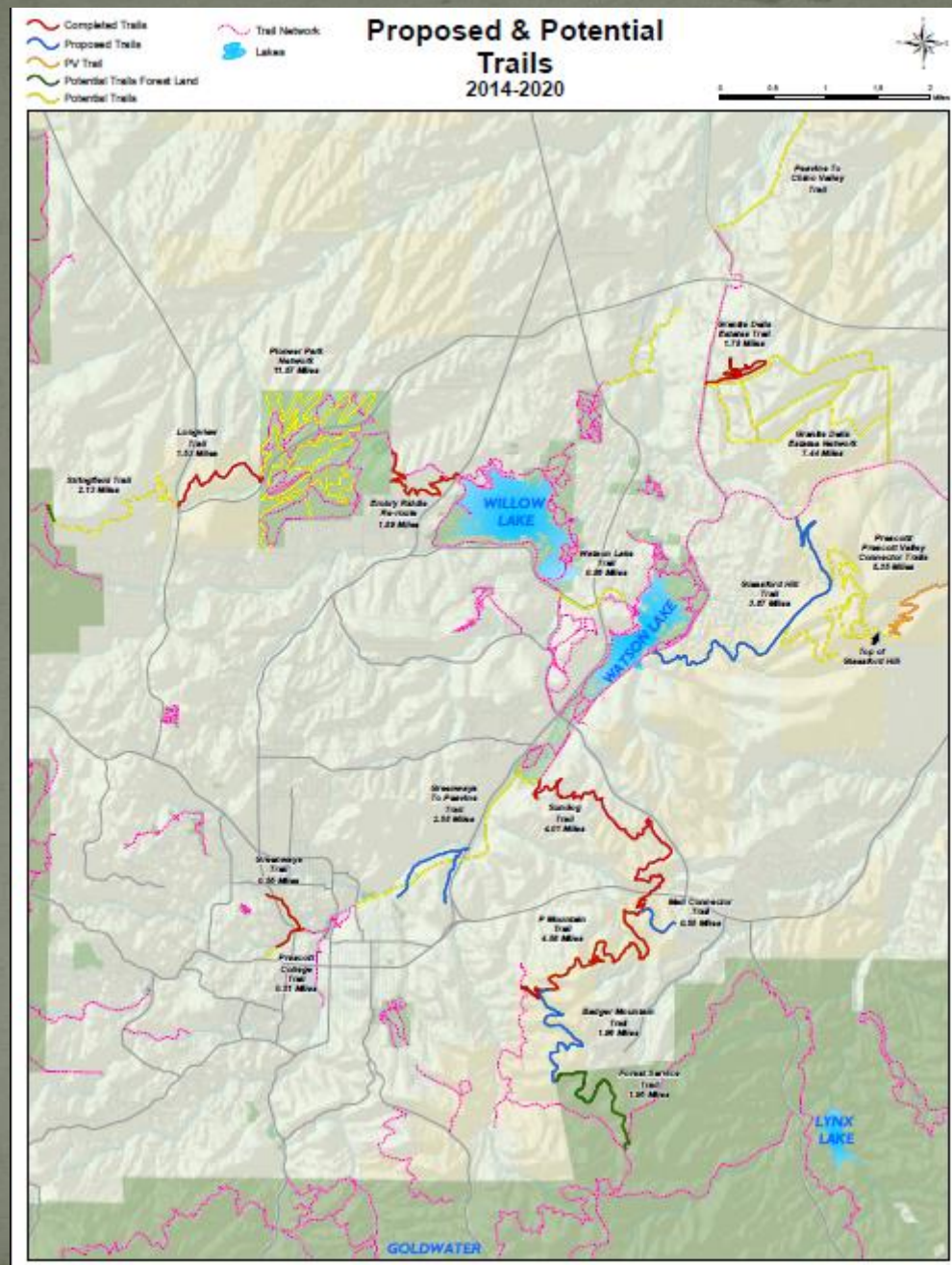


# Greater Prescott Trails Planning

## Other Projects

- Mid-Term #2
  - Sevenmile Gulch – Single Track Motorized
  - Odds and Ends
- Long-Term
  - Black Canyon Trail Connector from Lynx Lake
  - Sun Corridor Trail: Vegas to Tucson
- Verde Front
  - Black Canyon Trail Connection to Verde River
  - West Mingus Ave Trail System
- Chino Valley Ranger District
  - Upper Verde River Trail System

# City of Prescott Trails Update





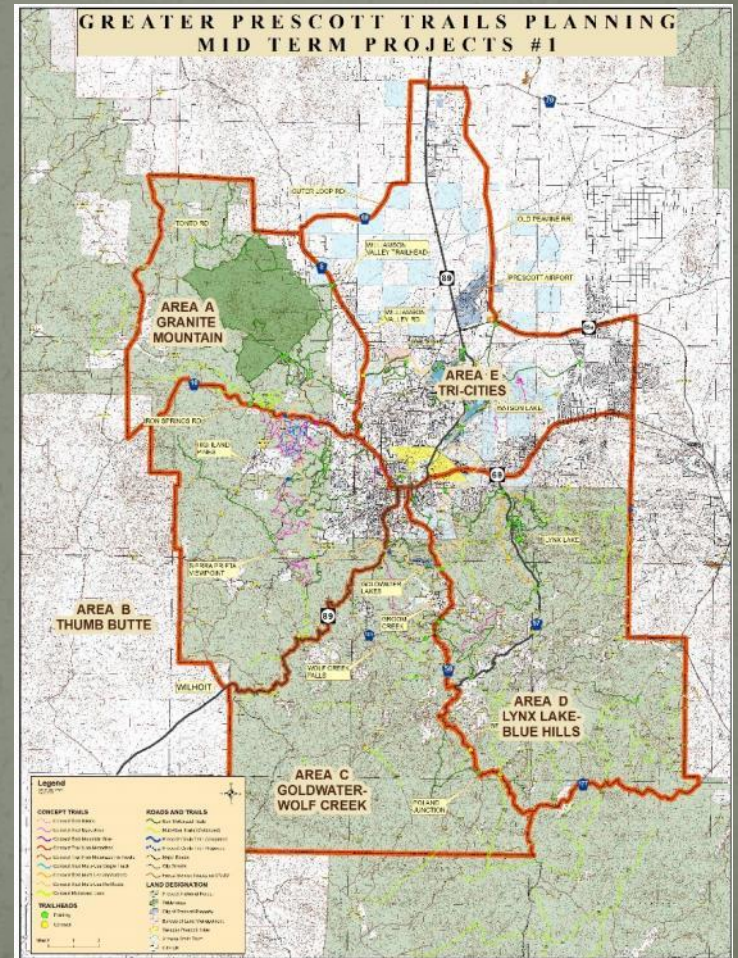
# Prescott National Forest Mid Term Projects #1

- Overview

- 75 miles of trail
- Improvement/Enlargement of 6 trailheads
- 2 New Trailheads

- Emmanuel Pines Trail System

- 31 Miles Additional New and Adopted Trails
- Iron Springs Trailhead Enlargement
- New Spence Springs Road Trailhead
- Stacked Loop Trail System



# The Fine Print

- Unauthorized/Social/User Created Trails:
  - The desire is to have this become a non-issue with the implementation of this project.
- The FS specialists have taken a cursory look at the trail proposals
  - Trail alignments as shown on maps is subject to change based on resource concerns and design criteria.
  - Some trails may not be included in the final decision
- Hike/Bike Trails do not prohibit horses, but have not been designed for them and will be discouraged
- Trailhead Design:
  - Truck with trailer is assumed to be 15x50 ft
  - Passenger car parking spots are 10x20 ft

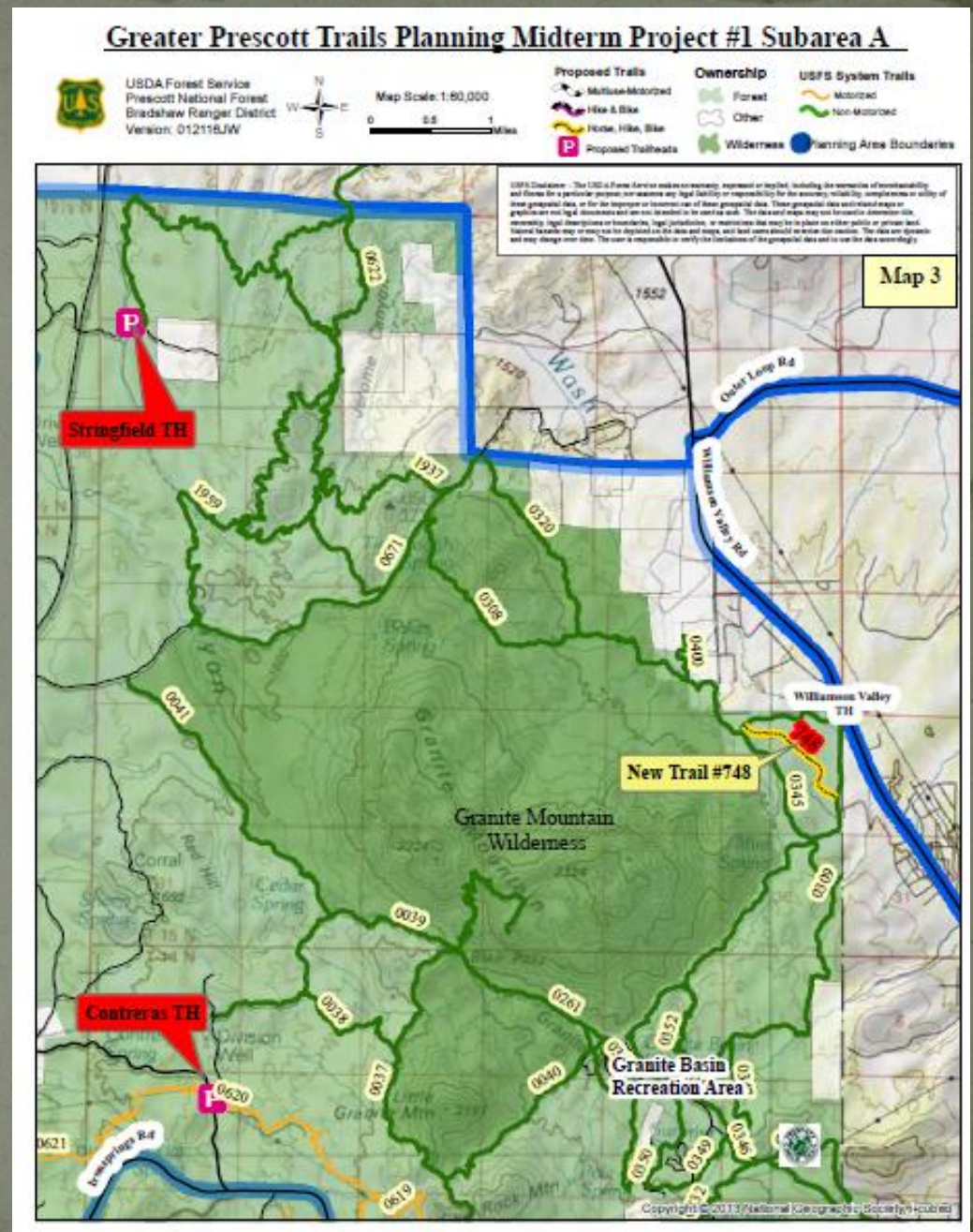
Trail name suggestions are welcomed



## Sub-Area A

## 2 Trailhead improvements

# Total Miles: 1.1





## Greater Prescott Trails Planning Midterm Project #1 Subarea B



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Bridgeshew Ranger District  
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Map Scale: 1:75,000

0 0.6 1.2 Miles

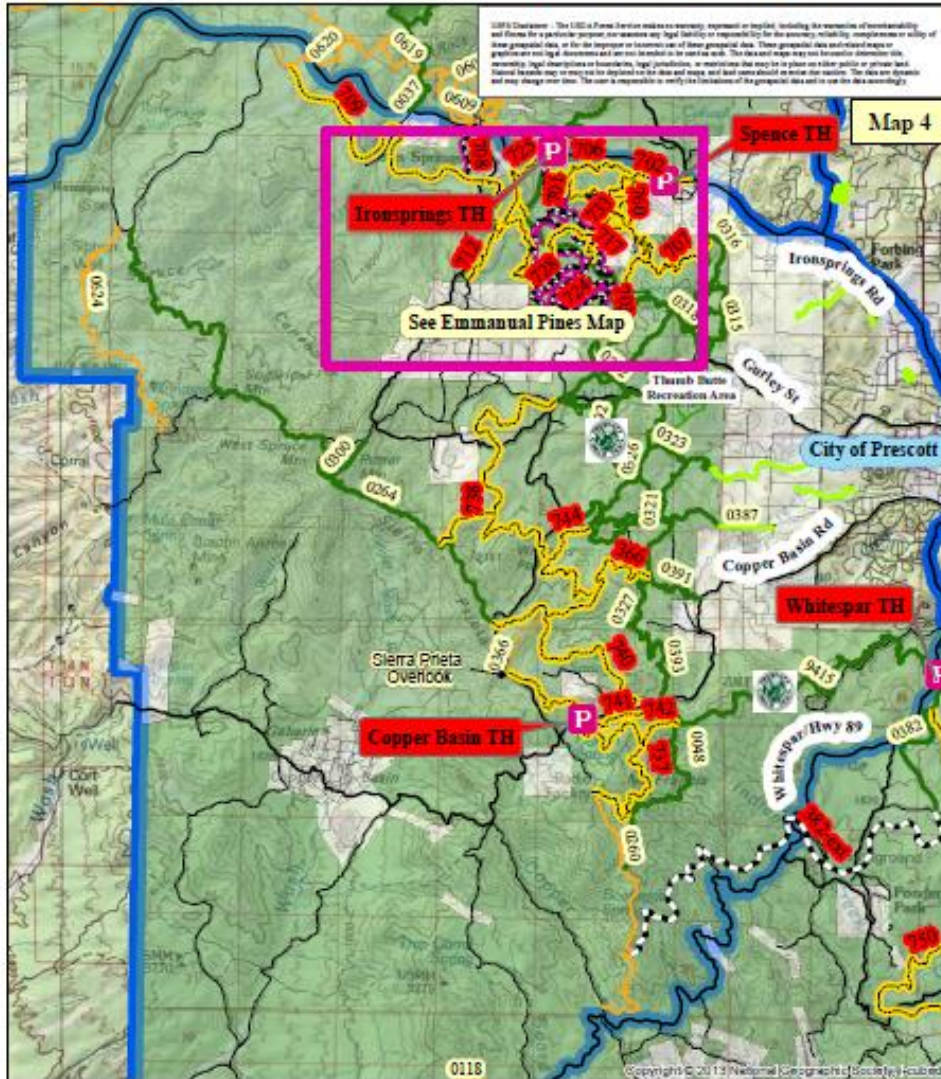
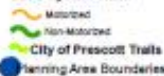
### Proposed Trails



### Ownership



### USFS System Trails



## Prescott National Forest Mid Term Project Proposals

### Sub-Area B

6 New Trails

3 Trail Extensions

1 Trail Conversion-366

1 new trailhead

Total=20 miles

382 extension Motorized  
trail @ 3.8 miles to  
connect to trail 260 from  
Whitespar CG



# Prescott National Forest Mid Term Project Proposals

## Emmanuel Pines

28 New Trails

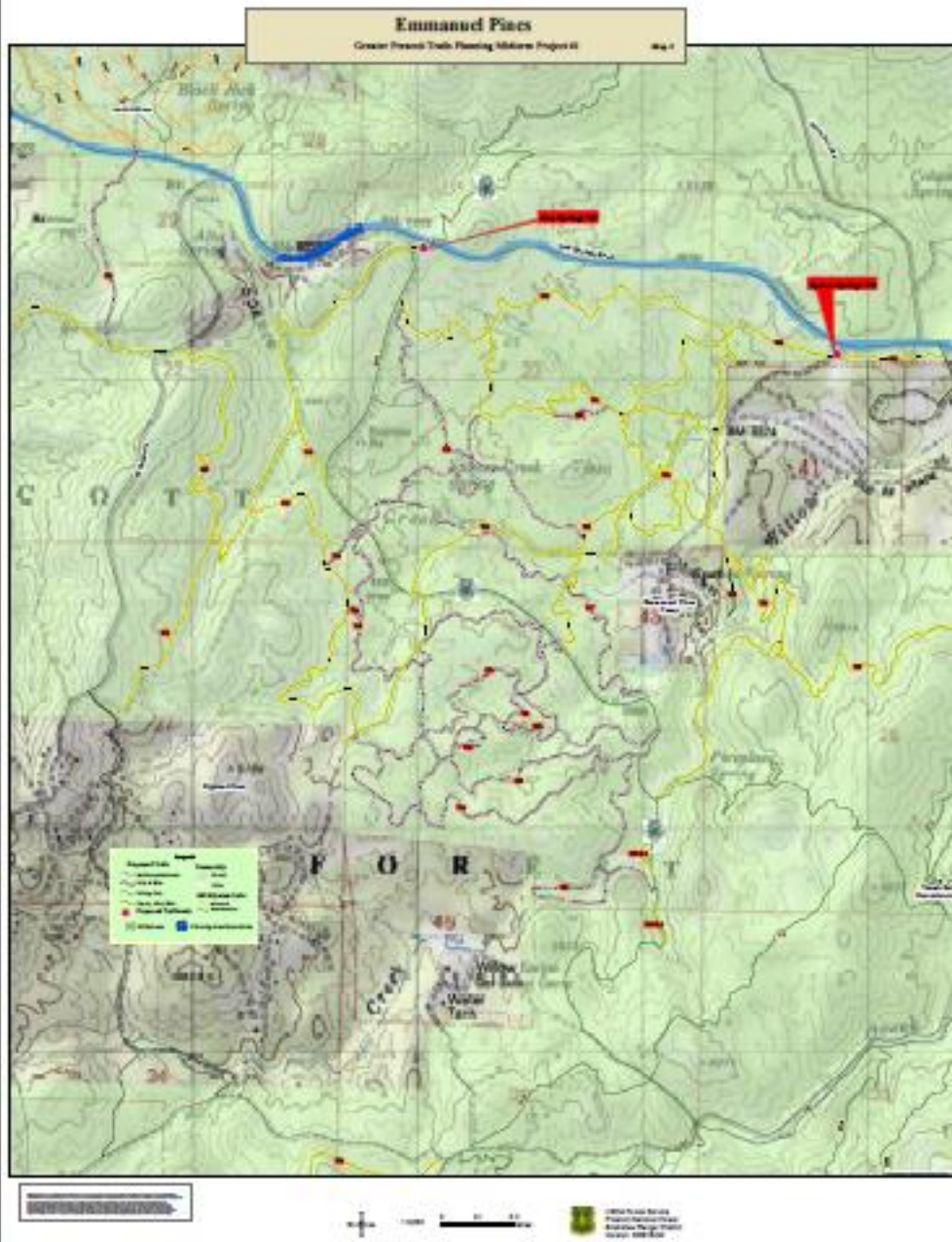
2 reroutes

2 new trailheads

Total Miles= 31

Variety of trail classes 2-4

Variety of design types





## Greater Prescott Trails Planning-Midterm Project #1 Subarea C

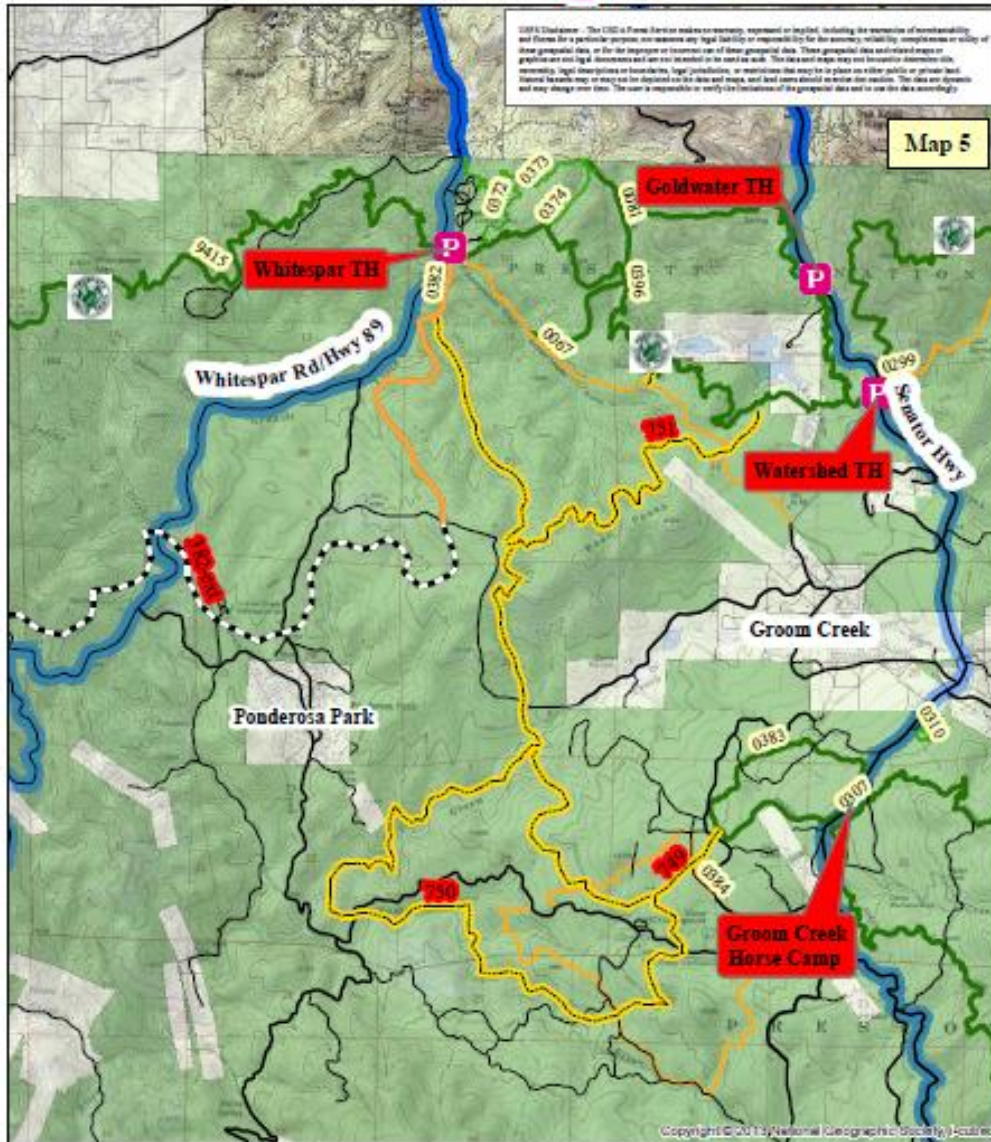


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Bradshaw Ranger District  
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Map Scale: 1:40,000  
0 0.25 0.5 Miles

**Proposed Trails**  
 Motorized  
 Hike & Bike  
 Horse, Hike, Bike  
 Proposed Trailhead  
**Ownership**  
 Forest  
 Other  
 Wilderness  
**USFS System Trails**  
 Motorized  
 Non-Motorized  
 Planning Area Boundary



## Prescott National Forest Mid Term Project Proposals

### Sub Area C

- 3 new trails
- 1 motorized extension of trail 382 from Whitespar CG- 2.5 miles
- 1 new trailhead
- 1 improved and expanded TH
- Total Miles=15
- Connection from Horse camp to PCT



## Greater Prescott Trails Planning-Midterm Project #1 Subarea D



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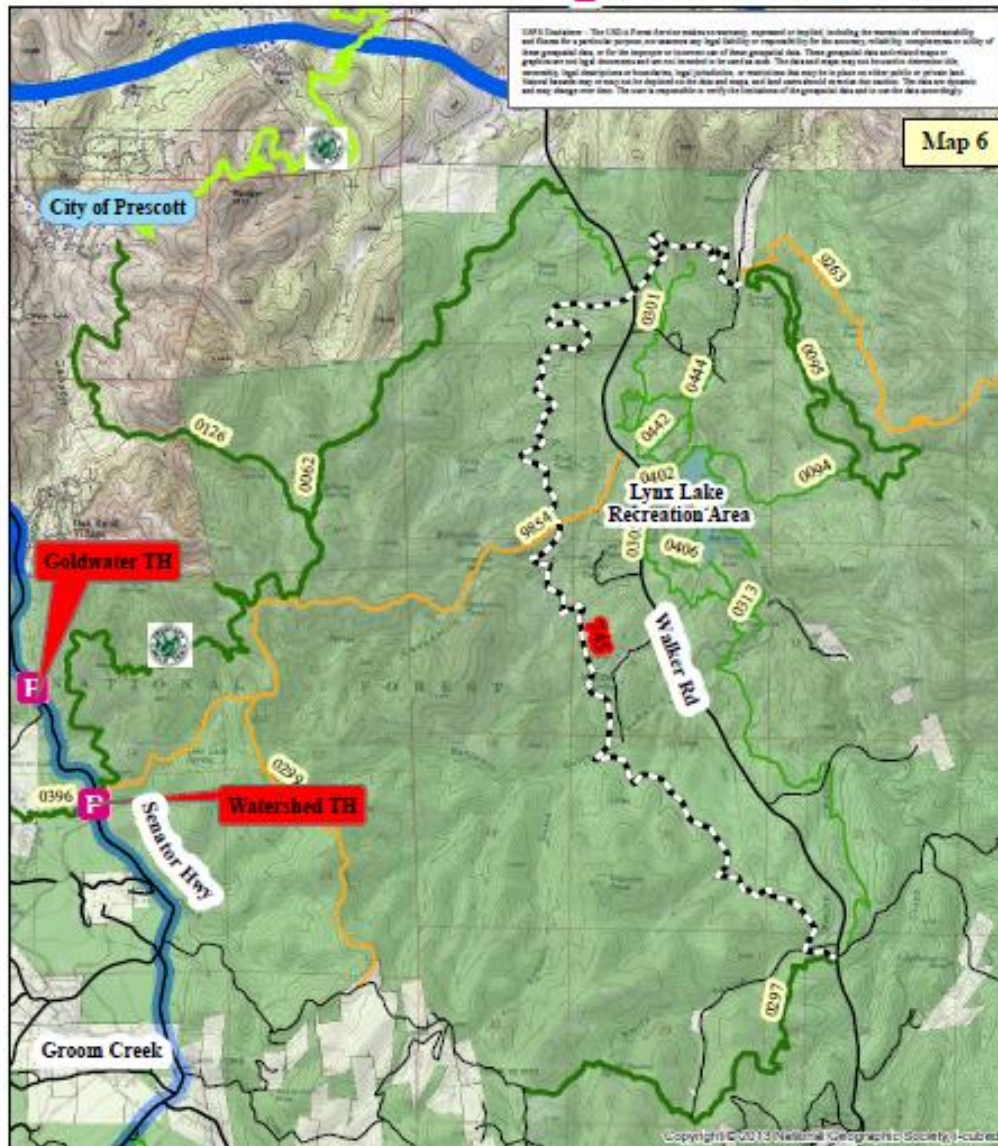


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Map 6



## Prescott National Forest Mid Term Project Proposals

### Sub Area D

1 new motorized trail

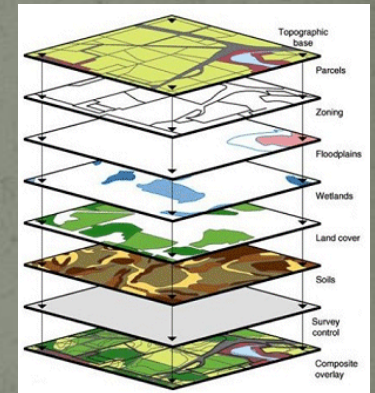
1 trailhead improvement

Total Miles: 7.3

Motorized trail connects  
Salida Gulch to Sevenmile  
to Bannie Mine Road

# Analysis & Implementation Timeline

- Scoping: Shaped by initial resource review. Comments accepted through April 8, 2016.
- Draft Environmental Assessment (EA):  
Estimated by mid summer
- Final EA and Decision: Estimated by  
September 2016
- Implementation:  
Expected over the next five years.





# We Want to Hear From You!

## Mid-Term Trail Proposals

### Issues: Environmental, Social, Economic?

- Comments, Issues, Concerns, or Suggestions.
- How the proposed project will CAUSE an EFFECT on a resource such as “Proposed trail goes through a creek that has excellent birding and I saw a bald eagle nest there. Additional traffic on trail could reduce bird numbers and disturb the eagle.”
- Suggest a new method to measure effects.



# Hearing From You Continued..

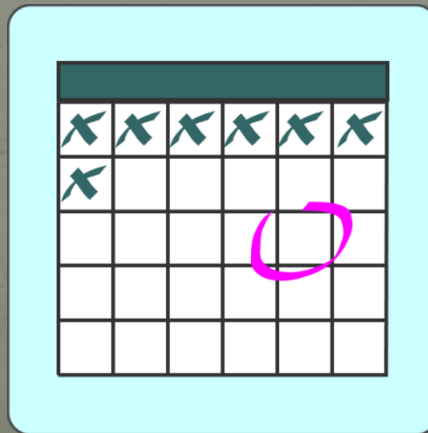
- Identify potential effects caused by the proposed action that are relevant to the decision to be made and suggest how important or 'significant' an effect might be.
- Suggest alternative ways to conduct the action, or lessen the impacts of the action through mitigation or project design feature.





# Hearing From You Continued..

- Comments should be as fully formed and specific as possible to assist us in the analysis.
- Although comments are welcome at any time, they will be most effective if received by **April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.



# How to submit comments:

- In writing to:

Greater Prescott Trails Planning – Mid-Term Project  
Prescott National Forest  
344 S. Cortez St.  
Prescott, AZ 86303  
Attn: Susan Johnson



- Or Via email to:

**[comments-southwestern-prescott-bradshaw@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-prescott-bradshaw@fs.fed.us)**

- Or make use of comment sheet at this meeting



# What's on the Walls and on the Tables

- Mid-Term Projects by Sub Area
- Mid-Term Project Trailheads
- Emmanuel Pines Detail
- NEPA and Objection Process
- Volunteering and Adopt-a-Trail